

Town of North Smithfield  
**Historic District Commission**

Minutes of June 23, 2014

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on  
Monday, June 23, 2014  
at 6:30 PM  
Heritage Hall, 101 Greene St. Street, Slatersville, RI

**Call to order:** 6:41

**Members Present:** Daniel Couture, Christian de Rezendes, Jeffrey Fontaine, Jeffrey Harris,  
Elizabeth Martin, Eric Piette

**Members Absent:** none

**Materials Distributed:** Agenda, Minutes, R.F.P. s for review

**Approval of Minutes from May 28, 2014**

Minutes from the May 28 meeting was unanimously approved.

**Applications**

A . Update: Preliminary Review: 14 Greene Street, Plat 4 Lot 212, Slatersville Historic District. Owner: Nathan Reynolds  
Tabled.

**New Business**

A. Joint meeting with the North Smithfield Heritage Association regarding the Forestdale Schoolhouse R.F.P. (Review/Discussions of Proposal(s); Vote for A/E Firm Selection).

Members present from North Smithfield Heritage Association (NSHA):  
John Faricy(President), Elizabeth Faricy(Treasurer), Louise Vanhouwe (Corresponding Secretary), Martha Shean (Recording Secretary), Robert Boucher, Ruth Pacheco, Jeffrey Harris of NSHDC also a member of NSHA, Christian de Rezendes of NSHDC also a member of NSHA

1. Received two proposals for master plan of Forestdale Schoolhouse: Brewster Thornton Group and Lerner Ladds Bartels
2. Fee proposed by Brewster Thornton of \$ 9,625. is considerably lower than that of Lerner Ladds Bartels.
3. Members of both NSHDC and NSHA seek clarification on any archival procedures included within proposals. Proposals did not list services of an archivist specialist.
4. It was determined that the Brewster Thornton proposal has the support of both the NSHA and NSHDC. Members of both groups are in favor of accepting the proposal contingent on the clarification of archival procedures included within the master plan. Should the fee proposal change to include services of an archival specialist the two groups must meet again to vote on the acceptance or non acceptance of the Brewster Thornton revised proposal. If an additional meeting is needed, it will be scheduled prior to the grant deadline for Levy Foundation of July 10, 2014. In the meantime, references will be checked.

Acceptance of the Brewster Thornton proposal contingent on the clarification of archival procedures within the proposal is submitted. Included in the motion is a required second meeting and another vote if fee proposal changes.

Motion to approve: Elizabeth Faricy  
Seconded: Daniel Couture  
Voted Yes: All  
Opposed: None

## **New Business**

- A. F.Y.I. Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 10:00am at the RI Department of Transportation, TMC conference room, Providence, RI with RI D.O.T. et al. for Old Stone Arch Bridge Design Review.
- B. Continue Review/Discussion: Town of North Smithfield Comprehensive Plan, Historical & Cultural Resources.
  - 1. Elizabeth Martin suggests that included under the Comp Plan's goals and objections should be the goal of the Forestdale Schoolhouse revitalization.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

- A. Subcommittee: Union Village Historic District Research Committee
  - 1. Ongoing.
- B. Subcommittee Report: Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission for Certified Local Government Grant(NSHDC CLG Grant Committee).
  - 1. Will aid NS Heritage Association with application for Levy grant to pursue Master Plan of use and condition of Forestdale Schoolhouse building and grounds.(See above)
- C. Subcommittee Report : North Smithfield Historic District Commission Standards and Guidelines (NSHDC S&G Committee):
  - 1. Waiting for information from RIHPHC for CLG grant funding.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was called to a close at 8:01

Motion: Dan Couture

Seconded: Elizabeth Martin

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday , July 28 , 2014